

Fair and continued cold tonight; Sunday fair; slightly warmer; westerly winds.

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Germany Wants to Prevent War

HOTEL LENOX, BOSTON, SEVERELY DAMAGED BY FIRE TODAY

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The Hotel Lenox Boston, who is 87 years old and very feeble, was rescued from his room on the seventh floor by his nurse, Miss Mabel L. Warren of Worcester, who threw a robe over him and wheeled him through the smoke-filled corridor where he was picked up by firemen and carried to the street.

Addressed Escaped

Several actresses appearing at local theatres including Valli Valli, Margot Kiley, Charlotte Ives, Mabel Acker and Elizabeth Murray, escaped without injury but lost their personal belongings. Miss Valli was on the tenth floor and reached the street in her night clothes and a heavy coat, with a pet dog in her arms.

Manager Prior of the hotel said the damage to the building and furnishings would exceed \$60,000, much of which was caused by water.

Patsey Donovan Lost Belongings

Mr. and Mrs. John Simonds of Peabody and Mrs. Simonds' aged mother, who had rooms on the fourth floor, were carried down ladders.

P. J. Donovan of Lawrence, manager of the Buffalo baseball team, and Mrs. Donovan, were among the few he was able to reach the street by way of the elevators but they lost most of their belongings.

Others staying at the hotel when the fire started included: Miss Mary O'Neill, Bedford; Miss Gertrude Hayes, Arlington; Walter H. Sawyer, Auburn, Me., and R. H. Kingsley, Bar Harbor, Me.

EIGHT YEAR OLD BOY BADLY BURNED

Roland Mansau, aged eight, years, was frugally burned about the body at his home, 178 Fletcher street, shortly before noon today. The little fellow was alone in the house at the time and according to what could be learned he started a fire in a can and the blaze communicated to his clothing.

The woman who occupies the lower tenement was attracted by the cries of the boy and rushing upstairs found the little fellow with his clothes ablaze. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Lowell Corporation hospital. Everything possible was done to alleviate his sufferings, but little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Conlon rang the hotel fire alarm and then ran from floor to floor pounding on doors to awaken the guests. All were quickly aroused, but the flames reaching the elevator wells, spread so rapidly from floor to floor that it was impossible for all to get to the street unassisted.

A large part of the city apparatus was called to the site and the firemen had a hard fight in the biting cold and the high wind to subdue the flames. The fire was erratic in its course, burning out many rooms and leaving others untouched.

Ex-Gov. Walsh Assists Guests

The guests were given shelter in the Boston Athletic Association building nearby and in other buildings. Most of them had fled with the clothing and without trying to save their personal belongings.

Former Governor David J. Walsh occupied a room on the second floor. He assisted in awakening other guests before he left the hotel.

Former Mayor Green Rescued

Former Mayor Samuel A. Green of

A LOWELL MAN
WHO HAS SUFFERED

much from the various symptoms of dyspepsia during the past six months, writes. "On the slightest evidence of stomach trouble I now resort to Dyan-p-lets. My stomach responds to them immediately and at once stops its grumbling. I can eat almost anything now without any discomfort and you don't know how happy it makes me feel. I recommend Dyan-p-lets to my friends." Sold by all druggists at 10 cents, 25 cents or \$1. Prepared only by their originators, C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

California's Corner

A SLIP OF PAPER

A soldier went into the store of a hairdresser in London and asked for money to make quick transit back to the army. The hairdresser felt sorry for him and gave him the money. The soldier, who was the soldier, had nothing to give you in return for your kindness except this little slip of paper, which has on it a receipt for making 'blacking.' The man received it not realizing it to be of any great value. But it has yielded the man millions. Now you can see why it is important to read our advertisements, and follow what they suggest. It will prove valuable to you.

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United Irish Societies

All delegates to the St. Patrick's Day Convention are requested to meet in Hibernian Hall, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Important.

PATRICK J. McCANN, Chairman

SENDS NOTE TO THE U. S. SUGGESTING CONFERENCE

Communication, Said to Have Come Through Switzerland, Suggests That Germany and United States Discuss Ways and Means of Preventing War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Germany is understood here to have addressed to the United States a communication suggesting that the two governments discuss ways and means of preventing actual war between them. While information regarding the channel through which the communication was addressed is lacking, it is probable it is being forwarded by the government of Switzerland.

NORWEGIAN AND TWO BRITISH VESSELS U-BOAT VICTIMS

Three more steamers, aggregating 12,253 tons, were today reported sunk by the Germans in their new submarine campaign.

Definite announcement was made of the sinking of two of these vessels, the British steamer Mantola of 6262 tons and the British steamer Lullingstone of 2316 tons. Only the Norwegian ship Solbakk of 2616 tons is still on the "believed sunk" list.

A news agency despatch from Madrid reports that one American, a ne-

gro member of the crew, was one of four survivors of the British steamer Dauntless (previously reported torpedoed) picked up at sea from a small boat by a trawler.

Arrangements today were completed for the departure on Wednesday of Count von Bernstorff and his staff aboard the steamer Frederik VIII for Christiania, Norway. The former ambassador and the personnel of the embassy will leave Washington Tuesday night.

First, there was the ever-present fear that any hour might bring a despatch

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Richardson, collector of taxes; Harry W. Essex, Edgar F. Twombly, surveyor of highways; Henry D. Livingston and William H. O'Brien, constables; Herbert G. Hosmer, school committee; Ralph L. Dodge, George P. Greenwood, Frederick Wain, auditors; Albert H. Richardson, town hall sinking fund commission; Frank L. Day and Isaac Hopkins, water commissioner; John A. Richardson, school house town sinking fund commissioner; Herbert A. King, cemetery commissioner; John William Bestwick and D. Fred Richardson, tree warden; Thomas A. Ellis, board of health; Frederick S. Clark, park commissioner.

The various articles of the warrant were taken up and disposed of as follows:

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Article 5 calling for an appropriation for the macadamizing of the Boston road was adopted.

Under article 6 it was voted to appoint a town accountant.

Article 11 calling for an appropriation of \$125 for replacing a wall on Pond street, was adopted.

Article 12, authorizing the town to enter upon a contract with the Lowell

Electric Light Corp. for street lights at \$15 per light.

Under article 13 the sum of \$125.50 was appropriated to install 16 lights on the Boston road.

Article 14, calling for \$75 for four lights on Allen road, was referred to the select-

men, as was article 15 for lights on Middlesex turnpike.

Board of Public Works

In reference to the appointment of a board of public works, as called for in article 16, a committee was appointed. Under article 16 the sum of \$500 was voted to compensate Edward A. Barker, who was disabled while working at a fire.

Article 19, calling for an appropriation of \$4000 for the purchase of an auto fire truck, was referred to a committee.

Under article 20 the sum of \$100 was voted to codify and revise the by-laws of the town. It was also voted to construct a new concrete reservoir for the water department. The sum of \$1400 was voted for connecting the water main on High street. The meeting voted to sell a sand lot on Bedford road.

The incense question also appears on the ballot.

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GERARD AND HIS STAFF TO LEAVE BERLIN FOR SWITZERLAND TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—American Ambassador Gerard will leave Berlin this evening for Zurich, Switzerland, with his entire staff and fifty American citizens, according to a despatch received today at the Swiss legation here from Berne. The message said:

"The American ambassador, Mr. Gerard, with all his personnel and fifty American citizens, will leave Berlin Feb. 10th in the evening by special train for Zurich. The ambassador will be received at the Swiss frontier with all consideration due him."

AWAIT PERMISSION TO LEAVE

BERLIN, Feb. 9, via London, Feb. 10.—Although Ambassador Gerard, his suite and a fairly large number of Americans with more or less official standing have received assurances that they may leave Berlin on Saturday night the bulk of Americans in Berlin are still somewhat in the dark as to when they will be able to get away. Most of those who wish to leave have already applied to the police for formal permission but few, if any, have as yet received it.

The rule generally enforced, but sometimes relaxed, that at least a fortnight must elapse between the date of application and the granting of permission to leave, is apparently being rigidly adhered to. The authorities presumably intend to thoroughly investigate every case so as to establish that no cause exists why the applicant should not depart from Germany.

FAREWELL TO GERARD

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., from The Hague says that it is reported there from Berlin that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg sent his adjutant to Ambassador Gerard on Friday to bid him farewell.

FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO PAPER SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—It was stated today at the department of justice that the federal grand jury in New York is about to begin investigating where there is a criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade in the newsprint paper situation. Bainbridge Colby and Mark Hyman will represent the government as special assistants to the attorney general. In addition to facts collected by the federal trade commission and to disclosures made at its hearings, the department of justice has obtained information which is expected to show that print paper manufacturers have violated the anti-trust law in their operations.

The grand jury investigation follows an announcement by Attorney General Gregory in which he said he was aware of a "serious condition" in the trade and that any remedy which the law affords should be applied at once. The department's investigation, conducted at the conclusion of the trade commission's hearing, has taken more than a month and has been conducted by Mr. Hyman with headquarters in New York.

The federal trade commission will submit to congress on Monday its report on its investigations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The federal inquiry here into the newsprint paper situation has been going on quietly for some time, it was learned today. Gov-

ernment attorneys have had at their disposal a mass of data including facts collected by the federal trade commission. This has been presented to the investigating grand jury and a number of witnesses have been examined. The attorneys were not prepared to say to day how soon indictments, if any, might be handed down.

FUNERAL NOTICE

FLEMING.—The funeral of the late James Fleming will take place Tuesday morning at 8:15 o'clock from his late home, 18 Nelson street. High mass of requiem at St. John's church at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

DEATHS

FLEMING.—James J. Fleming, a well known employee of the health department, died Saturday morning at his home, 18 Nelson street, from a short illness, aged 40 years. Besides his two children and his mother, Mrs. Bridget Fleming.

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K. OF C. NOTICE

There will be a special meeting of Lowell Council No. 12, Knights of Columbus, Sunday afternoon, February 11th, to take action on the death of our late brother, J. Joseph O'Connor.

The members are requested to meet at 21 Wamessit street on Sunday night at 8 o'clock to take part in the prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased brother.

Signed,
ROBERT J. THOMAS,
Grand Knight.

Feb. 10, 1917.

BRITISH WARSHIP SUNK; FIFTY LIVES LOST

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A British torpedo boat destroyer of an older type, the British admiral announced last night, struck a mine in the English channel Thursday night and sank. All the officers and all of the crew, except five, were lost.

The official statement follows:

"A torpedo boat destroyer of an old type, employed in patrol duty in the English channel, struck a mine last night and sank. All the officers were lost. There were five survivors among the crew."

The oldest type destroyers in the British navy is known as Class A, built between 1893 and 1895. There are 12 vessels in this type. The average displacement is 310 tons and they average 200 feet in length with a beam of 19 feet. Two of the vessels have a complement of 45 men each while the other 10 carry 50 men each. The next oldest type, Class B, numbers 20 vessels, built between 1895 and 1905. Their average displacement is about 400 tons and their average complement 60 men each.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

AIR RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE

The military field of operations was barren of developments of prime importance, so far as the official statements indicate. Paris reports several successful raiding operations along the French front, with violent artillery activity north of Verdun. There has been comparative quiet all along the line on the Russian and Rumanian fronts, as well as in the Caucasus. Petrograd announces.

Air Attacks on Zeebrugge

An entire airplane attack on Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast, is reported through Holland. German aviators have attacked Dunkirk and Antwerp, while a French aviator carried out a successful raid on military objects at Karlsruhe, about 50 miles from the French frontier in Germany, according to Paris.

TO CONVEY BERNSTORFF TO SCANDINAVIAN PORT

STEAMER FREDERICK VIII GIVEN PERMISSION BY OWNERS TO SAIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The steamer Frederick VIII of the Scandinavian-American line was given permission by its owners in Copenhagen today to convey Ambassador von Bernstorff and his suite to a Scandinavian port, cablegram to the line's officers here stated. No date has yet been set for the vessel's departure.

TRADERS BANK TO PAY ANOTHER DIVIDEND

THIS WILL MAKE A TOTAL OF 90 PER CENT.—A TENTH DIVIDEND WILL BE PAID

Second to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Congressman Pagors yesterday afternoon was notified by the controller of the currency that an additional payment of ten per cent. will be made to Traders National bank depositors bringing the total amount paid up to ninety per cent. The payment will be made in approximately one month from date and depositors will be notified of the exact date. The controller also stated that one more dividend would be paid, but that not likely fully one hundred per cent. will be possible.

RICHARDS.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING BILL

FAVORABLY REPORTED TO SENATE BY MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A universal military training bill was favorably reported to the senate today by the military affairs committee. Chairman Chamberlain submitted the bill without comment, asking that it go on the calendar. Senators Thomas, as democrat, and Brady, republican, members of the committee, reserved the right to submit minority reports.

Primarily the bill provides that all men citizens or those who have declared their intent to become citizens shall undergo six months' military or naval training in the year in which they reach the age of 19 or in the year when they first become liable to such service up to the age of 26. All men receiving such training would be held in arms or navy reserve until they reach the age of 28.

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CITY SEALER ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT

NEW ORDER TO ENGAGE J. JOSEPH O'CONNOR AUDITOR REX

The annual report of Warren P. Riordan, city sealer of weights and measures, contains several items of interest. In part the report reads as follows:

"We fully realize that many housewives do not conduct their homes on the businesslike principle that they should and we have made it our mission to safeguard purchasers in every way possible, to insure consumers getting full weight and measure. Realizing that correct scales are very important to correct deliveries, and experience has shown that many incorrect deliveries are made from the most perfect commercial apparatus which can be procured, special attention has been paid to the re-weighing of meats, vegetables, etc. During the past year 2357 trial weighings were made and in addition under the net weight law nearly 700 packages were re-weighed."

The report further states that 56 platform scales were adjusted and 1091 were sealed; 180 non-sealed, and 184 condemned. There were 1624 counter, beam and spring balances sealed and 101 condemned. Three hundred and ninety-nine avordupois scales were adjusted, 5047 were tested and 13 condemned. The department sealed 1539 liquid measures and condemned 63. The total of 2053 ice cream cans were sealed and 15 condemned, and 496 yardsticks were sealed. The total number of all kinds of scales sealed were 15,755; 629 were adjusted, 282 non-sealed and 255 were condemned.

Under the head of trial weighings and measurements, commodities, 43 loads of coal in wagons were tested; 18 were found correct; 12 under weight and 13 over weight. The total number of commodities tested were 2357. 1493 were found correct; 122 under weight and 18 over weight. The total number of commodities tested were 2357. 1493

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SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE NEWS

Providing business is as good as it is today work on the erection of the new plant for the Saco-Lowell shops will be started in the early spring, stated one of the officials of the company this morning. The company was recently granted permission to close the thoroughfare known as Kitson st. and upon this site as well as upon land now occupied by the corporation cottages in Dutton street will be erected the new brick mill, which it is estimated will cost in the vicinity of \$200,000.

As soon as the frost is out of the ground the five cottages along Kitson street in Dutton street will be torn down and the foundation for the new building will be started. The new structure will adjoin the present brick structure and will be four stories in height. It will be of brick throughout and when finished will give employment to several hundred hands.

Large Auto Garage

Michael Ansara has started work on

the erection of a \$3500 garage in the rear of 38 Smith street. The building will be 30 by 60 feet long with an ell to be used as a repair department. The foundation will be of stone and concrete.

Fred Hobart has also started work on the construction of a garage in the rear of 557 Main street. This building will be 60 by 58 feet and its estimated cost is \$2500.

Ready for Foundation

The men in charge of the work of tearing down the old Smith property at the corner of Merrimack and Sprague streets have completed their task and now everything is ready for the starting of the foundation for the three larger buildings to be erected on the site. The debris of the old buildings is being carted away and the masonry work will be started next week.

Building Permits

Among the building permits issued at the office of the inspector of buildings at city hall during the week were the following: To Clara M. Parker, the construction of an addition to the kitchen, pantry and dining room of her house at 12 Putney street at a cost of \$250; to Alice M. Lang for the building of a piazza four feet by 18 feet, two stories high, to her property numbered 82 Forrest street; to Margaret M. Hoyt for the repair of the damage at 123 Avon street at a cost of \$1000.

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REPORT OF BIRTHS

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17—To Mr. and Mrs. William Curran, of 35 Pleasant st., a son.
18—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Lewis, of 14 Payson st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Curney, of 262 School st., a son.
23—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rawnsley, of 304 Boylston st., a daughter.
24—To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Yankiewicz, of 632 Market st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Miller, of 34 Clare st., a son.
25—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kosedlo, of 6 Watson ave., a daughter.
26—To Mr. and Mrs. John Crowe, of 24 Auburn st., a daughter.
27—To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wojciech, of 32 West Fourth st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dore, of 5 Garnet st., a daughter.
28—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Apostolos, of 357 Market st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marcotte, of 120 Cross st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Aubrey, of 10 Rogers st., a daughter.
29—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Houle, of 202 Cheever st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Adel Kotchask, of 47 Summer st., a son.
30—To Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Champagne, of 456 Moody st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lach, of 18 Concord st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shea, of 55 Franklin st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Curley, of 1 Grove st., a daughter.
31—To Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Hovey, of 19 Mansur st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Emile Ducharme, of 61 Woodcock st., a son.
Feb.
1—To Mr. and Mrs. George Canas of 3 Little st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Josef Polinovski, of 165 Fayette st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Zadie Chevrier, of 75 Franklin st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hercie Cole, of 75 Perkins st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. John McNamara, of 22 Cambridge st., a daughter.
2—To Mr. and Mrs. John Regis, of 133 Tremont st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Parker, of 7 Glidden ave., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Apostolos Adamopoulos, of 366 Moody st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gouraud, of 90 Tufts st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie S. Young, of 19 Newbury st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Georgakos, of 604 Merrimack st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cohen, of 137 Howard st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Mitropoulos, of 156 Farmland road, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Alexander, of 498 Moody st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Pearson, of 181 Tufts st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Moreau, of 20 Gardner avenue, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Demers, of 28 White st., a son.
3—To Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew J. Nison, of 630 Gorham st., a son.
4—To Mr. and Mrs. Fortuna St. Onge, of 44 Adams st., a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Christos Spanos, of 11 Merrimack st., a daughter.
5—To Mr. and Mrs. Paraskevas Dimopoulos, of 36 French st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley, of 5 Grand st., a son.
7—To Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, of 21 Spring st., a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gorgensen, of 110 B st., a daughter.
8—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Desroches, of 39 Lille ave., a daughter.

SUFFRAGISTS PLACE THEMSELVES AT GOVERNMENT'S DISPOSAL



MRS. HERBERT CARPENTER

Photograph shows Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, New York suffrage leader, carrying flag in recent suffrage parade.

"Whereas, A serious crisis confronts our nation, and the European war has shown that the services of women in war as in peace are essentials to the life of the nation, and

"Whereas, The basis of the suffrage movement is love of country and a desire to serve most effectively, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, through its executive board, do hereby offer to the governor of this state, for any work which he may designate, its full organization, in every assembly district of this state, consisting of more than half a million women. And this we do as loyal American citizens and especially as woman suffragists, organized and trained in co-operation and service.

These resolutions adopted by the New York State Woman Suffrage Party and approved by suffragists in other states.

Mrs. Norman De R. Whitehouse, state chairman, said:

"Our action is taken with the feeling that being organized in every assembly district of New York state we are in a position to render effective service to the state of New York and to our nation in this time of need.

"Of the value of women in wartime there is little left to be said now that has not already been said by the leaders in all the warring countries—Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and Germany included. Women are recognized now as an asset and not a liability in wartime, only last August in the British House of Commons Mr. Montagu, the British minister of munitions, pointed out that it was not too much to say that Great Britain's armies had been saved and victory assured largely by the women in the munition factories. Within the past few days we have information that the government of France has decided to institute for national defense not only the men, but also the women, between the ages of sixteen and sixty, our allies from Germany still further show the important service women are rendering in this time of crisis."

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They Do Say

That potato patches will be popular next spring.

That the city was fortunate to escape fire not built by the wind.

That fondness for burlesque never advanced a man.

That it is no longer a solicitorless office at city hall.

That most people would prefer to have no car in some of the times than one that is always late and never to be relied upon.

That first it's Rox, then it's Tarbox, and then it's Rox again, but the courts may have to decide which it will be.

That in the school of experience there are no vacations.

That a house is not sold until the final papers are signed.

That Adjutant Gustave Rousse is a real hero of the European war.

That they're wearing 'em higher in Lowell on days like yesterday.

That our aldermen should conform to the provisions of the city charter.

That it wouldn't take many potatoes or beans to make a man independently rich.

That many a tough proposition will solve itself if one has the patience to wait.

That the triumvirate still rule and are steering the municipal ship of state.

That the people who are holding back the food supplies may get left in the end.

That the policeman will get you if you don't watch out and shovel the snow away.

That Julian Daoust and his troupe of artists made a hit at the Playhouse last evening.

That there are lots of people who can't see through this daylight saving scheme at all.

That "Mr. Moderator" was the watchword at the Falmouth town meeting held today.

That the fellow who says nothing and says wood is at least safe of a good woodpile.

That the man who prophesied last fall that the winter would be mild has taken to the woods.

That James likes the snowshoes but hesitates to launch out on his first practice run, or flop.

That when you think somebody else

AMUSEMENT NOTES

The following notices are from the press agents of the shows mentioned.

B. F. KEEF'S THEATRE

The bill at the B. F. K. Theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening will be of exceptional strength and the bill will be better than is usually the case in Sunday bills. The Principe-Rainier, the famous classical dancer, will be with us, and I, the only actress who care to win with applause Harry Antoin and Bertie Vale are especially trimmunks and sinners, and they have an almost overwhelming fund of stories that are dependent on good humor. Eddie Layhaver, Rosella, the singer, who mixes the old songs with the new, the best of singers among the new acts are Gray & Giltin, comedy singers and talkers, and Womble & Dible, who have a little sprightliness which is diverting. In addition six of the latest motion pictures will be shown, and the new "Candy Catheract" will be added to the usual optional. Today is the last in which the show as now constituted will be presented, and particular attention is called to the Pathé News pictures which deal extensively with the problem of preparedness now facing us. All of the men concerned in the service of the Republic are shown, and the latest news of the war in Europe is also shown. The battleship fleet is also shown, and a brave appearance is made.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

This afternoon and tomorrow are the last evenings for the theatre parties of Lowell and the surrounding cities and towns to see "Tess of the Storm Country" this week's offering of the English players. The play is a good one. There are some good parts left, but they should be secured early as many who have not already secured seats are likely to be disappointed. Seats can be secured by phoning 261.

On Sunday afternoon and night the opera house will offer its best vaudeville and picture program of the year.

FRENCH DRAMA GIVEN AT PLAYHOUSE

"La Conscience d'un Frere," a French five-act drama, was presented before a large and enthusiastic audience at the Playhouse last evening by Julien Daoust and his troupe of artists from Canada and France. The play received favorable recognition in its opening performance in this city and it is fair to assume that the theatre will be filled to its capacity this evening when the last presentation will be given.

The play is emotional throughout, dealing with the murder of a sister of charity, while she is bringing her offerings to the church, for the wounded in battle. The crime is committed by the greed for money, and is witnessed by the young and innocent child of the assassin. With the horror of what she has seen, thrilling her, this child hurries away to her father confessor with the story. He listens, consoles and counsels her; later, through certain seemingly convincing circumstantial evidence, the law points an accusing finger at the good priest, and he is so enmeshed that he can only escape the gallows by telling what has been confided to him by the child in the confessional. This he will not do for he respects the holy secrecy of his trust; and he is carried almost to his death by a guilty criminal, when he is saved by newly discovered evidence.

The leading part, that of the priest, is sustained by Julien Daoust and no better man could have been selected for that role, for it was he who wrote the piece. Mr. Daoust is an accomplished actor and his work at last evening's performance was particularly good. He is possessed of a strong voice, which he handles to advantage, while his gestures are strong. In the presentation of "La Conscience d'un Frere" Mr. Daoust was ably assisted by such artists as Maurice Castel, who has been summoned the king of laughs in 1916. Flaxy O'Donnell of the Eldorado of Paris, Mile. Lilleenne of "Police Berceuse," and other notable stage artists such as G. LeGrand, A. Laurin, Jules Herivel, M. Despres, H. Dureuil, Mile. Rolland, Mile. Gilberte Bourre, Mile. Raymonde, Germaine Giroux and Mile. Laure.

Between the acts a series of recita-



MARGARET AND ARLINE HASKELL WITH THOMAS MUSICAL COMEDY CO. AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Allen in singing and talkology are other big acts. Billy Adams in character songs and stories is a big time feature. Seats are not selling for both performances, and those who can conveniently do so, should arrange to attend the matinee performance.

Next week the Emerson players will present "Little Peggy O'Moore," a story about the adventures of a pretty little Irish girl in America and already there is an advance sale.

It is a advance sale, which indicates a record breaking week for the popular organization of local stars. It is another "Peg o' My Heart" and an attraction that will prove a sensational success.

"Little Peggy O'Moore" is a play

that goes right home to the audience because the story it tells rings true.

"Peggy is a girl of Irish girls, when her parents die, she is left alone, and she is hiding behind one of the high rock cliffs, a small electric launch in which was Miss Pickford's maid and several changes of dry clothing, for many

days. Perhaps this

is the picture of a girl who has been

left alone, but there is a girl who has

been abandoned, and she is

left alone, and she is

patrons to secure them in advance and avoid disappointment.

OWL THEATRE

"After Dark," a wonderful picturization of the famous stage success, will head the bill at the Owl Theatre this afternoon and evening. Appearing in the role of "Old Tom," the role which William A. Brady made famous on the stage, is the popular motion picture star, Alec B. Francis.

Following, will be the well known musical actress, M. also be seen on this program today.

Other attractions will also be shown.

CROWN THEATRE

William Courtney, leading man in "Under Cover" and "Under Fire," the two greatest dramatic successes of the American stage during the past season, will appear at the new Crown Theatre this afternoon and evening, appearing in the powerful photoplay, "Kick In," the play which was presented on a local stage last year and which made such a great hit. Starring with Courtney in this film is the popular and charming young screen star, Mollie King.

The most brilliant comedies ever screened, with the inimitable Charlie Chaplin in the stellar role, will also be shown at the Crown today. Other excellent attractions will also be shown.

LAME AND UNSIGNED COMMUNICATION

WE DON'T BLAME THIS FELLOW
FOR NOT SIGNING HIS NAME TO
HIS "KICK"

A reader of The Sun has sent the following unsigned communication calling the sporting editor to account for statements recently made in regard to the times hung up in the 40-yard dash at the B.A.A. games:

Editor of the Sporting Department,

Dear Sir:

I note in a recent paper a comment on the times made by the sprinters at the B.A.A. games in the 40-yard dash. In the same paragraph the scribe places Silcox of the high school as a fifth of a second, or two to three feet faster than these others. These are unquestionably the pick of the country. Now, when detracting from the abilities of the high school boy, I wish to call your attention to the fact that there are few men on record who have been credited with running the 30-yard dash in the times given Silcox. It remains rightly that he is the record holder in the "forty." He has done 4.2-5 for the distance. But he has been beaten in 4.3-5, which is the standard "class" time for the distance. Now you will find no accredited performance in the 30-yard dash faster than 3.2-5, and not enough to count on the fingers of one hand at 3.4-5. Silcox and other high school performers in the sprints have been given such rec-

ords here, but Lowell has never developed a real sprint winner in the dashes before competent timers.

The local timers do not know how to time a race, and the referees and judges allow records to stand when the athlete has jumped the gun and is in his stride at the sound of the gun.

Do not compare performances made under these conditions with performances made by athletes far better than the best of our local school boys.

(Before we begin to pack our correspondents away in lavender, we wish to tell him that communications which come in this office unsigned are worth considerably more than a "German scrap of paper." But, nevertheless, his criticism of Lowell track athletes and Lowell's official rankles somewhat and demands an answer.)

Our correspondent says that the men who competed in the 40-yard invitation event at the B.A.A. games were the pick of the country. To this statement we take violent exceptions. Did Joe Loonies, Billy Moore, Wilcox, Frank O'Hara, Andy Kelly, Howland, etc., and many others compete?

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George Karpouzian and George Delboy, two residents of Lowell, who recently returned from service on the Mexican border with Co. H, First Infantry, N. H., N. G., were tendered a dinner in a local restaurant by a number of friends last evening. At the close of the meal the guests repaired to the establishment of Nicholas Spiroules, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. J. A. Hunnewell, who was asked to organize the finance committee of the local branch of the Red Cross, has announced the appointment of the following members: Messrs. Robert F. Marden, Frederick P. Marble, Joe V. Metcalf, Fred C. Church and Austin K. Chadwick. A meeting will be held at an early date, and a plan worked out to put in operation if the country becomes involved in war.

The Nurses' alumni of St. John's hospital met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Della Gookin at 151 Andover street, to make final preparations for their first party and dance to be held in Lincoln Hall Friday evening, Feb. 16. The purpose of the dance is to raise money for an endowed room and, judging from the sale of tickets, the nurses are confident that their fund will grow rapidly. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the alumni.

A delightful dance and social was conducted in Odd Fellows hall, Bridge street, last evening. The affair was conducted under the auspices of Centralville Rebekah Lodge, 157, and was largely attended. The decorations about the hall were handsome and elaborate. Gray's Banjo-Mandolin orchestra supplied music and this event was in charge of Mrs. Mabel Crosby, Mrs. M. J. Shaw and Charles Wells.

The big Thomas police patrol which was purchased by the city and delivered on Jan. 1, 1911, but which was relegated to the rear when the little Ford was purchased, is in service again. The machine, which was considered too cumbersome and the upkeep too high, has been doing regular work since the storm started in last Monday, it being found that when it comes to battling with the snow that the big machine is more efficient than the little one.

IN BOSTON
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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the Boston man's ability to pull a gun. He has been "hanging 'em away" too long to get fooled into believing that Fred Stiles in our opinion could have walked away with the dash last Saturday night and that with proper coaching and care he will eventually develop into one of the best dash men in the country.)

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing: Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.
J. S. Moir, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius E. Collins are at Palm beach.

When you have any real estate to sell, consult Mr. F. Donohoe, 223 Hilliard Bldg., Telephone.

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WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE

The question is asked as to what the United States would do in case war be declared against Germany. It is not at all probable that our government would join the allies in fighting Germany or that any troops would be sent to the battlefields of Europe. What the United States is contending for is the maintenance of the freedom of the seas, which has been completely usurped and overthrown by the German submarine warfare. The United States after a declaration of war would have to increase the defenses along the Atlantic coast and would probably furnish warships and destroyers to convoy American trading vessels into the war zone. Whether this would prove a very serious matter depends to a great extent upon the outcome of the submarine campaign now in full swing.

Even without a declaration of war or without the "overt act" that would precipitate war, if the government finds that American commerce is being crippled as a result of Germany's blockade, it may decide to provide convoys for trading vessels through what Germany has designated her war zone. While that course might be regarded as a challenge to Germany, it would be merely an assertion of neutral rights arbitrarily annulled or invaded by the German submersible campaign.

So far as can be judged from the action of Germany in having her ships in American ports practically destroyed and her refusal to modify her mode of warfare in favor of neutrals, it seems that in defiance of the United States she is determined to carry out her submarine campaign to the extreme limit of desperation. In view of this fact and of the action taken by the United States relative to future loss of American lives by unwarranted submarine attacks, it would seem that war with Germany in the near future becomes almost inevitable.

GERMANY'S LAST EFFORT

There seems to be a mistaken idea as to the great moral effect of the action taken by the United States against Germany as a factor in forcing the conclusion of the war.

We do not believe that Germany is in the least concerned in regard to the public opinion of the world. She has gone beyond that stage and with her at present nothing counts except ships sent to the bottom, progress in cutting off England's supplies and success in holding back the forces of the allies fighting in the trenches.

Just at present owing to the cold weather the conflict on land is not being pushed to any great extent by the allies, but Germany is prosecuting her submarine warfare with relentless fury. She is striking the ships of belligerents and neutrals alike and the success of her campaign of frightfulness since February 1 has fulfilled her expectations although the daily toll is becoming less.

During the three days after the grace allowed to neutrals, the total tonnage sunk was 137,845, or at the rate of 915,360 per month of thirty days. There was, however, a decrease from 44,457 tons on Tuesday to 31,504 on Thursday and yesterday's report was still less.

The question which is uppermost in the minds of the entire world today is: Can England stop Germany's submarine blockade or render it ineffectual?

The British admiralty has given out a statement reassuring the people and announcing that a plan has been adopted by which the submarine warfare will be effectively met and defeated. Thus far there is little indication that any such plan is in operation although it is very plain that many of the ships sunk were at sea when the German declaration was made and were simply trapped without warning.

The British authorities, including Lord Bryce, who, however, is not an expert on submarines or the method of fighting them, assert that the British navy will be amply able to frustrate the submersible campaign.

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His Preference in Combs
One afternoon William Gillette, the

British newspaper correspondent, who gave her the information she possessed, Mr. Lawson was present while Mrs. Visconti testified and the great sensation created by him and others proved to be a mile. It is about time the curtain were drawn on this mystery, but unashamed as certain anti-republicans insisted that the committee should go to the bottom of the charges, nothing can be done to show that they have no bottom.

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TWO EXPERT AUDITORS

It is passing strange that any member of the municipal council would vote to pass any order at variance with the plain terms and provisions of the city charter. Yet it seems that three members of the council at yesterday's meeting voted to engage Mr. Rex, an expert accountant, to audit the city's accounts, knowing that Commissioner Donnelly in pursuance of his official duties as prescribed by the charter, had already engaged a different expert to perform the work.

While the municipal council has more power than any of its members,

IRISH HOME RULE

Hon. John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, is once more going to put the home rule question squarely up to the British ministry. It is known that Premier George is in favor of the immediate operation of the home rule act, and it is believed by many friends of the cause that this is one of the many questions to be referred to the Imperial Conference called for next month.

It seems very strange that England permits this question to hang fire merely out of consideration for Mr. Carson and his followers, although in so doing, she puts a lever in the hands of her enemies to the far-reaching detriment of British interests not only at the war front, but throughout the world.

It is hoped that on this occasion Mr. Redmond's appeal will receive the consideration it deserves.

PUNISH THE SPECULATORS

Attorney General Attwells has recommended to the legislature the enactment of drastic legislation to enable the state to proceed against those who combine to regulate the prices of the necessities of life, or to hoard up food supplies in anticipation of higher prices. Mr. Attwells asked for a measure providing that whoever enters into a combination to fix or regulate the prices of necessities in prime or common use shall be punished by penalties suited to such an offense against the public.

It is time some such law were enacted and enforced against the food speculators who are undoubtedly holding back supplies and thereby conspiring to increase the prices to prohibitive rates.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Washington will not abandon the inaugural ceremonies on March 5th because of the crisis with Germany. Rather will the occasion be made a demonstration of patriotic loyalty to the nation in a spontaneous burst of patriotism. The fact that the ceremonies are absolutely in the open does not feaze President Wilson. To abandon the parade and other customary formalities would indicate that the government, if not the entire nation, was deeply depressed over the prospects of war.

AN ACT OF HOSTILITY

Germany's action in detaining the American ambassador pending the departure of Bernstorff from this country and pending also the treatment of some of the German ship crews, can be construed only as an act of open hostility to the United States. It will undoubtedly be followed by others perhaps more serious.

GERMAN TREACHERY

Report has it that in case of war Germany will strike the United States through Mexico. The Providence Journal is authority for the statement that German officers have been migrating to Mexico and that in case of war they will be the commanders of the Mexican forces.

We do not want Mexico, but if she tries to bring aid from any European or Asiatic country against the United States, that will decide the fate of Mexico, and without undue delay that unhappy country will be annexed to the United States.

Here's Carranza or Villa, or any other freebooter representing Mexico, attempts to violate the Monroe Doctrine in equity towards this nation, he may as well realize at the outset what the outcome will be.

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—Harper's Weekly.

Orders Are Orders

The new doorknocker at the museum turnstile had learned a book of rules by heart before taking over the job.

"Here, sir, you must leave your umbrella at the door," he said to a visitor who had failed to hand over that article.

"But I haven't an umbrella," the visitor pleaded.

"Then go back and get one," said

the doorknocker.

And then they set and shelled the corn.

And raked and stirred the fire.

And hatched their chairs up higher.

Then Susan she the popper shock.

Till John he shock the popper,

Till both their faces grew as red

As saucers made of copper.

And then they popped and popped and ate.

All kinds of fun a-popping.

While he haw-hawed at her remarks,

And she laughed at his joking.

And still they popped and still they ate.

John's mouth was like a hopper—

And stirred the fire and sprinkled salt.

And shock and shock the popper.

The clock struck nine—the clock struck ten.

And still the corn kept popping.

It struck eleven, and then struck twelve.

And still no signs of stopping.

And John he ate, and Sue she thought

The corn did pop and patter.

Till John cried out, "The corn's afire!

Why, Susan, what's the matter?"

Said she, "John Styles, it's one o'clock.

You'll die of indigestion.

I'm sick of all this popping corn."

Why don't you pop the question?"

—Old Poem.

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THE SPELLBINDER

With due respect to the gentlemen who compose the so-called "triumvirate" at city hall, a perusal of the city charter would indicate that their action in voting to employ Mr. Rex to audit the city's books violates the law in three respects.

Of course the "triumvirate" has the alibi that there was no city solicitor in office to set the members right, in their conference before the meeting at which this occurred, for they met in Commissioner Morse's office before yesterday's meeting.

In all probability the new city solicitor upon assuming office will show them where they were wrong and thus obviate the necessity of injunction proceedings.

At yesterday's meeting a written motion signed by Messrs. Brown, Morse and Warneke was presented and carried, to the effect that Mr. Rex be engaged to audit the city's books at a cost of \$1000. According to a local Sunday newspaper this had been foretold by a local bartender some weeks ago, but be that as it may, the motion went through at yesterday's meeting.

Some time ago Commissioner Donnelly of the finance department, acting in accordance with the provisions of section 35 of the city charter engaged Mr. Everett E. Tarbox to conduct the audit of the city's books, although the triumvirate wanted Mr. Rex to do the work.

Mr. Donnelly's authority for engaging Mr. Tarbox appears in two sections of the charter.

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No Emergency Clause

But the manner in which the triumvirate put its motion at Friday's meeting makes the whole transaction illegal from a third standpoint for the members simply presented a motion in writing calling for the expenditure of \$1000 and let it go at that, while here is what section 27 has to say on the matter:

"Neither the municipal council nor the school committee shall make or pass any order, resolution, or vote appropriating money in excess of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, or making or authorizing the making of any contract involving a liability on the part of the city in excess of five hundred dollars, unless the same is proposed in writing and notice is given by a four-fifths vote, and because, not having the emergency clause attached the motion was not advertised one week in advance by the city clerk. As a matter of fact neither the mayor, Commissioner Donnelly, nor the city clerk knew anything concerning the motion until it was passed over their heads at the meeting."

The employment of Mr. Rex, therefore, would seem to be entirely illegal, and he will have an interesting time collecting any money for services he may perform while injunction proceedings may prevent him performing any services.

The Constitutional Convention

Having interviewed "Abe" Goldman on his views of the coming constitutional convention to which he is a candidate, "Abe" concerning the progress of the plan, I next sought the views of a democratic candidate and received the following interesting statement from William J. McHugh, who is a democrat from the ward four-five district, and well versed in political lore.

Mr. McHugh declared himself an

adherent.

The convention will be held next June. The primary election will be

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I believe that the voters have a right to decide whether or not Massachusetts shall have a qualified and workable form of the initiative and referendum. I therefore am convinced that the constitutional convention should submit this measure to the voters for their decision. I believe absolutely in the elimination of political partisanship from the convention. I believe in the submission of amendments adopted by the convention to the people separately for ratification or rejection.

I want the amendments adopted by the convention submitted to the voters separately so that all the amendments adopted by the convention cannot be voted in lump by the enemies of any of them, as happened in New York if all the amendments were voted upon together, the opponents of one who might be in the majority could kill the whole lot and render "nil" the entire work of the convention. I want the voters to be in a position where they can adopt what is conducive to their well-being and reject what is ultra conservative and not for the welfare. Now if the "bunching plan" is adopted, that is, the submission of the constitution as amended by the convention, I believe that the constitution as amended and adopted by the convention stand as the constitution of the commonwealth—yes or no.

Then if one or two obnoxious and unsatisfactory amendments were jammed through the convention, the people could not get at these dastardly attempts of the "intellectuals of the invisible" without defeating the entire constitution, or without killing the whole thing, and thus the work of the Massachusetts constitutional convention would be frustrated as happened in New York.

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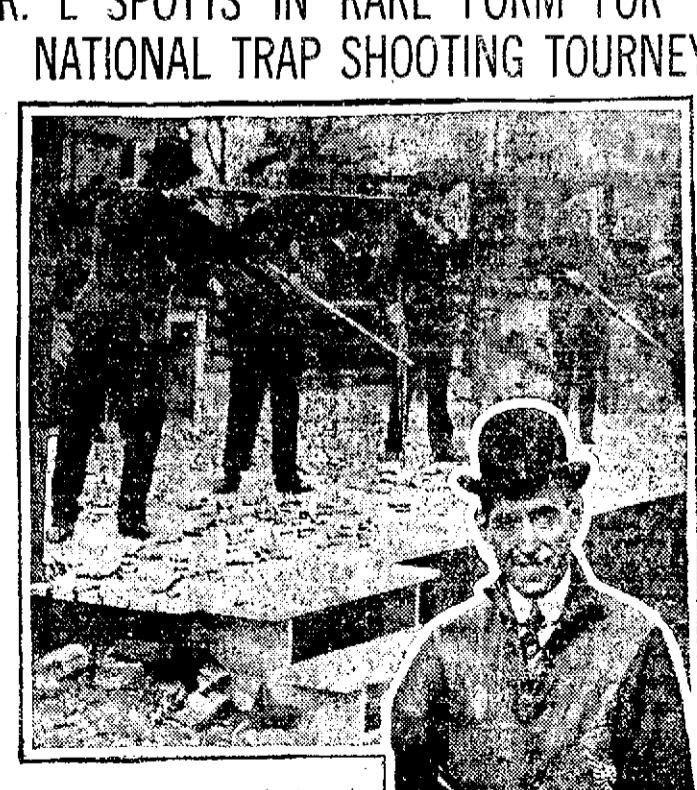
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NATIONAL TRAP SHOOTING TOURNAMENT

Upper photo shows trap shooters at Travers Island; lower one, R. L. Spotts.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—R. L. Spotts, the national amateur trap shooting champion, is now in rare form. At one of the regular N.Y.A.C. meets at Travers Island he missed only four of the play pigeons out of 100 and showed that he is getting into form that will make him a favorite for the champion ship once more. He had one perfect string of twenty-five. His handicap of four gave him an even 100, but R. R. Stein and A. L. Burns were the only two outside of Spotts who were able to drop twenty-five straight up the family prestige in the trap shooting line.

W. L. Spotts, the national amateur trap shooting champion, is now in rare form. During the last ten years, R. L. Spotts, Jr., his son, although only fourteen, is one of the greatest shots in the country and gives promise of keeping up the family prestige in the trap shooting line.

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WAR---EXTRA SESSION AND SPEAKERSHIP STIR CONGRESS

Special to The Sun

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—With war clouds hanging low, an effort is being made to break the tie of three months for congressional action and a still greater effort is being made by both major parties to secure the control of house organization for the next session. Should war be declared, or if the situation does not clarify before adjournment, the 4th of March, there is reason to believe an extra session is inevitable, although the president and democratic leaders are strongly against it, and the matter of "who's who" in the house still in doubt.

The speakership floor leader and chairmanships of big committees go hand in hand with patronage to be bestowed and the question is no small one. While Speaker Clark has the ardent and unqualified support of all the democrats and the warm personal friendship of a great majority of the publicans, with Mr. Blaine and Mr. Lenroot who have been put forward as probable speaker and floor leader, should the republicans be able to organize must face much party disaffection, so at this moment Speaker Clark seems to lead in the neck and neck race, even though the actual party vote is a tie and the five independents who may control the decision have not made known their views. A majority of votes is needed, so death, resignation or change of heart of one congressman might alter the situation in the twinkling of an eye.

The Speakership Contest

Congressman Rogers of Massachusetts recently called attention to the bitter contests of the past, and the slander spread on which some of the elections of speaker had hung.

Looking back over the history of past contests, it is a curious coincidence that the most prolonged and most bitter were when Massachusetts men were among the candidates. They were in 1809 when Joseph B. Varnum was up for the position; in 1849, when Robert Winthrop was a candidate and in 1855, when Nathaniel P. Banks was put forward. These other contests were all of extreme bitterness and covered weeks of wrangling, but the one that has become the most celebrated in speakership history is that of Banks. It was an desperate contest between the north and the south, each sending in their candidate for two solid months during which time no general business was transacted. One hundred and thirty-three ballots were cast before a choice was made. The attention of the country rested entirely on the outcome of the struggle, public measures were forgotten while the battle waged between Banks of Massachusetts and Aiken of South Carolina. Threats, accusations and bitterness of unspeakable intensity

filled the air. On the 133rd ballot, two months after the struggle began, Banks was elected speaker by a majority of three.

When Varnum and Mason were the contesting candidates, attempts were made to have a plurality vote automatically decide the matter, but the house ruled otherwise, and although Varnum received exactly one-half the votes cast, it was decided that one-half did not constitute a majority. On the next vote Varnum got a clear majority and was declared elected.

Two exceptions seem to have been made to the majority rule, although that rule still stands. In 1849, Robert Winthrop of Massachusetts and Howell Cobb of Georgia were contestants. Nineteen days of extreme bitterness and continuous balloting passed. Parliamentary wrangling followed. After 53 ballots had been taken the house adopted a resolution by a close vote after the roll call had been said three times, if no member received a majority it should again be called and the member receiving the greatest number of votes be declared elected. Under this rule, Winthrop, who had been speaker in the preceding congress, was defeated, and the speakership went to Cobb of Georgia by two votes. The other exception was in the Banks case, where a similar resolution for plurality rule was passed by the house.

The history of speakership elections shows day after day of new combinations which were forced upon the country, even though the actual party vote is a tie and the five independents who may control the decision have not made known their views. A majority of votes is needed, so death, resignation or change of heart of one congressman might alter the situation in the twinkling of an eye.

Naval officers asserted that the naval militia, organized in twenty-two states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii and with a personnel of 8,517, would be called into service immediately upon the outbreak of war. The vessels of the Atlantic fleet are short of both officers and men, and additional drafts of officers and men will be given the fleets to bring their complements up to full war strength. The other naval

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vessels heretofore in reserve will be placed in commission.

In the past few days recruiting for the naval militia has been stimulated by the acute crisis with Germany, and a large number of trained men who formerly served in the navy are expected to return to the service. The navy department has kept a card index of their names, addresses, physical

condition, qualifications, former service in the navy and all other data needed by the department. The two pictures show the removal of a four-inch gun from the granite State, the observation vessel used as a headquarters by the New York naval militia, and application of recruits. The gun was taken to the New York navy yard for de-

taffusive purposes.

of any harshness that might possibly result to the subject of both states from the rupture of relations. We hope these negotiations will have a happy result.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

Music Department Announces Dates of Concerts—First Concert Friday Evening

The music department of the State Normal school announces the following concert: on Friday, February 16th, at 2 o'clock a recital by Myrna Sharlow, prima donna soprano of the Chicago opera company, who is filling engagements in the east for the next three weeks; on Friday, March 16, at 2 o'clock the annual concert of the Normal school glee club and on Friday, April 13, at 4 o'clock a lecture recital by Alva (Alver) Salmon of Boston. Mr. Salmon is an authority on Russian music and his appearance here is anticipated with a great deal of interest. The last concert of the season will be given on Wednesday, May 16, by the Philharmonic trio of Boston, assisted by Albert Edmund Brown, harpist.

The program for Miss Sharlow's concert on next Friday afternoon follows:

Group for piano: Prelude in C sharp minor.

Rachmaninoff Romanza Schumann Asia, "Bird Song From Pacific."

Stember Song Leopold Godowsky

Zeta Indian Song Troyer

Deet River Burleigh

On No John Scott Sharp

Macbeth Song from "Carmen" Giese

Norwegian Skies Song Norwegian

Teach-Liegher Summer Time Ward Stephens

Latin Isles Mrs. H. H. A. Beach

Li bei di "Madame Butterfly" Puccini

Group for piano: Fantasy Impression Chopin

Nocturne in F sharp Chopin

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HOTEL LENOX, BOSTON, SEVERELY DAMAGED BY FIRE TODAY

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The Hotel Lenox structure, a few were taken down ladders by firemen.

\$60,000 Loss

The loss was estimated by fire department officials at \$60,000. Lerman C. Prior is manager of the hotel. Joseph Graham of Holyoke jumped from a window of his room on the smoke soon after the guests were aroused, and most of them came down the stairways of the ten-story structure.

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THREE SHIPS SUNK TODAY U.S. COURSE DETERMINED

Three more steamers, aggregating 12,228 tons, were today reported sunk by the Germans in their new submarine campaign.

Definite announcement was made of the sinking of two of these vessels, the British steamer *Mantola* of 6326 tons and the British steamer *Lullingston* of 2816 tons. Only the Norwegian ship *Solbakkien* of 2518 tons is still on the "believed sunk" list.

A news agency despatch from Madrid reports that one American, a negro member of the crew, was one of four survivors of the British steamer *Baumless* (erroneously reported torpedoed) picked up at sea from a small boat by a trawler.

Arrangements today were completed for the departure on Wednesday of Count von Bernstorff and his staff aboard the steamship *Frederik VIII* for Christiansia, Norway. The former ambassador and the personnel of the embassy will leave Washington Tuesday night.

Despatches from Berlin announced that Ambassador Gerard and his staff will leave tonight for Switzerland.

THE SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Lloyd's announced that the British steamer *Lullingston*, 2816 tons, has been sunk. Her crew was landed yesterday.

The British steamer *Mantola* has been sunk. Lloyd's announced today the Norwegian vessel *Solbakkien* is believed to have been sunk, the agency stated. Two of her crew were lost.

Lloyd's today also announced the previously reported sinking of the Norwegian steamship *Storskog*, two members of the crew which were landed, the captain and the remainder of the crew being kept prisoners on board the submarine.

The British steamers *Feebletree* of 1277 tons gross, is also believed to have been sunk, Lloyd's announced.

The *Mantola* was of 6326 tons gross. She was last reported at London on Jan. 2, about to sail for Calcutta.

The *Solbakkien* was a steamer of 2516 tons gross. She sailed from Buenos Aires on Jan. 3 for Cherbourg.

DEVONIAN ARRIVES

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—The arrival at Liverpool of the Leyland liner *Devonian* for whose safety some fears had been expressed in local shipping circles.

A LOWELL MAN WHO HAS SUFFERED

much from the various symptoms of dyspepsia during the past six months writes: "On the slightest evidence of stomach trouble, I now resort to Dya-pop-lets. My stomach responds to them immediately and at once stops its grumbling. I can eat almost anything now without any discomfort and you don't know how happy it makes me feel. I recommend Dya-pop-lets to my friends." Said all drugists at 10 cents, 25 cents or \$1. Prepared only by their originators, C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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A SLIP OF PAPER

A soldier went into the store of a hairdresser in London and asked for money to make quick transit back to the army. The hairdresser felt sorry for him and gave him the money, but when the soldier had nothing to give you in return for your kindness except this little slip of paper, which has on it a receipt for making "blacking." The man received it, not supposing it to be of any great value. Now, it is yielding the man millions. Now, you will secure a little of your time to read our advertisements, and follow what they suggest. It will prove valuable to you. Francis J. McCann, Lowell High School Com. Dept.

AGAINST INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES

PROVISIONS TO ADVANCE RATES ON NEWSPAPERS WAS THROWN OUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The provision in the postal bill increasing postage on newspapers and periodicals and reducing to one cent the rate on direct letters in cities, towns and on rural routes, was thrown out today in the Senate on a point of order made by Senator Hitchcock (democrat).

Senator Bryan (democrat) for the committee, gave notice that on Monday he would move to change the Senate rules to permit such legislation on appropriation bills, and would then again offer the provision as an amendment.

CARDINAL AT FUNERAL OF TIM MURNANE

FUND TO AID RUSSIAN RELIEF WORK

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Delegations representing major and minor league baseball organizations attended the funeral here today of Timothy H. Murnane, vice president of the National Board of Professional Baseball Clubs and for thirty years baseball editor of the Boston Globe. Cardinal O'Connell took part in the services at St. Adrians church and a number of prominent citizens and officials, including Mayor Curley and Congressman Gallivan, were honorary pall bearers. floral offerings were sent by officials and players of the National and American leagues and by sporting writers with whom Mr. Murnane had long been associated.

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United Irish Societies

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PATRICK J. McCANN, Chairman.

SENDS NOTE TO THE U. S. SUGGESTING CONFERENCE

Communication, Said to Have Come Through Switzerland, Suggests That Germany and United States Discuss Ways and Means of Preventing War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Germany is understood here to have addressed to the United States a communication suggesting that the two governments discuss ways and means of preventing actual war between them. While information regarding the channel through which the communication was addressed is lacking, it is probable it is being forwarded by the government of Switzerland.

Germany is understood to have made it clear that although diplomatic relations have been broken she greatly desires that peace be maintained. Preliminary outlines regarding the communication do not indicate that it carries with it any suggestion that Germany may modify her submarine warfare.

However, the whole communication is said clearly to invite this government to make suggestions regarding steps it thinks might prevent war.

In connection with the coming communication information obtained here is to the effect that while Germany was arranging for her new campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare cer-

tain German diplomats in various parts of the world were informed that while "military necessity" prevented the granting of a period in which neutrals might adjust their maritime interests every care would be exercised so that neutral passenger-carrying ships would not be subjected to unwarned torpedo attack.

PETITION FOR SALE OF GOLD SHIP CECILLE

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—A petition for the sale of the North German Lloyd liner *Kronprinzessin Cecille* was filed in the federal court today by the *Guaranty Trust Co.* and the *National City Bank* of New York, complainants in suits for damages against the owners for failure to deliver a shipment of \$4,000,000 in gold to European bankers at the outbreak of the war.

The bank alleges that the North German Lloyd line had refused to furnish security for possible claims and that the steamer has deteriorated in value "by reason of the wanton injury to and the destruction of the machinery by her master and crew while in the employ of the owners."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Not all the German consuls who were relieved from further duty here with the breaking of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany will act as the Berlin foreign office to ask the state department for an affirmation of the Prussian-American treaty of 1828.

The German government made a similar request of former Ambassador Gerard which he referred to the formal diplomatic channels.

The treaty provides that in the event of war between Germany and the United States citizens of each country in the other shall have nine months to close up their affairs and depart in safety. It also gives guarantees for property.

The government here already has given notice of its intention to respect the rights of property and individuals to the full extent.

K. OF C. NOTICE

There will be a special meeting of Lowell Council No. 72, Knights of Columbus, Sunday afternoon, February 11, at 6 o'clock to take action on the death of George C. Brown, son of O'Connor. Also the members are requested to meet at 21 Wachusett street on Sunday night at 8 o'clock to take part in the prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased brother.

Signed,

ROBERT J. THOMAS, Grand Knight.

Feb. 10, 1917.

TO STAY IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—Goswall Kunhardt, German and Austro-Hungarian consul here said today that he had received no instructions to leave the country and intended to remain in this city. The German consulate has been closed, he said, in accordance with orders from Count von Bernstorff, but he is still conducting the business of the Austro-Hungarian consulate.

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TEUTON CONSULS NOT GOING WITH BERNSTORFF

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BRITISH WARSHIP CITY SEALER ISSUES ANNUAL REPORT

SUNK; FIFTY LIVES LOST

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A British torpedo boat destroyer of an older type, the British admiralty announced last night, struck a mine in the English channel Thursday night and sank. All the officers and all of the crew, except five, were lost.

The official statement follows:

"A torpedo boat destroyer of an older type, employed in patrol duty in the English channel, struck a mine last night and sank. All the officers were lost. There were five survivors among the crew."

The oldest type destroyers in the British navy is known as Class A, built between 1893 and 1895. There are 12 vessels in this type. The average displacement is 310 tons and they average 200 feet in length with a beam of 19 feet. Two of the vessels have a complement of 45 men each while the other 10 carry 35 men each. The next oldest type, Class B, numbers 20 vessels built between 1895 and 1905. Their average displacement is about 400 tons and their average complement 60 men each.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

AIR RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE

The military field of operations was barren of developments of prime importance, so far as the official statements indicate. Paris reports several successful raiding operations along the French front, with violent artillery activity north of Verdun. There has been comparative quiet all along the line on the Russian and Rumanian fronts, as well as in the Caucasus. Petrograd announces:

Air Attacks on Zeebrugge

An entente airplane attack on Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast, is reported through Holland. German aviators have attacked Dunkirk and Amiens, while a French aviator carried out a successful raid on military objects at Karslsruhe, about 50 miles from the French frontier in Germany, according to Paris.

TO CONVEY BERNSTORFF TO SCANDINAVIAN PORT

STEAMER FREDERICK VIII GIVEN PERMISSION BY OWNERS TO SAIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The steamship Frederick VIII of the Scandinavian-American line was given permission by its owners in Copenhagen today to convey Ambassador von Bernstorff and his suite to a Scandinavian port, a cablegram to the line's officers here stated. No date has yet been set for the vessel's departure.

TRADERS BANK TO PAY ANOTHER DIVIDEND

THIS WILL MAKE A TOTAL OF 90 PER CENT.—A TENTH DIVIDEND WILL BE PAID

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Congressman Rogers yesterday afternoon was notified by the comptroller of the currency that an additional payment of ten per cent. will be made to Traders National bank depositors, bringing the total amount paid up to ninety per cent. The payment will be made in approximately one month from date and depositors will be notified of the exact date. The comptroller also stated that one more dividend would be paid, but that not likely fully one hundred per cent. will be possible.

RICHARDS.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING BILL

FAVORABLY REPORTED TO SENATE BY MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A universal military training bill was favorably reported to the Senate today by the military affairs committee. Chairman Chamberlain submitted the bill without comment, asking that it go on the calendar. Senators Thomas, deGraffenreid, and Brady, republican members of the committee, reserved the right to submit minority reports.

Primarily the bill provides that all non citizens or those who have declared their intent to become citizens shall undergo six months' military or naval training in the year in which they reach the age of 19 or in the year when they first become liable to service up to the age of 26. All men receiving such training would be held in army or navy reserve until they reach the age of 28.

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REPORT OF BIRTHS

Jan. 17.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Curtin, of 35 Pleasant st., a son.
 18.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Lewis, of 14 Payton st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Carney, of 262 School st., a son.
 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rawnsley, of 304 Boylston st., a daughter.
 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Tzniawicz, of 622 Market st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Miller, of 34 Clare st., a son.
 25.—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kosedlo, of 6 Watson ave., a daughter.
 26.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Crowe, of 24 Auburn st., a daughter.
 27.—To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wojcik, of 22 West Fourth st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tomasz Dec, of 5 Cabinet st., a daughter.
 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Apostolos, of 357 Market st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marcotte, of 129 Cross st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Aubrey, of 18 Rogers st., a daughter.
 29.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Honle, of 262 Chestnut st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Kotzbasch, of 17 Summer st., a son.
 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Chambapage, of 450 Moody st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lach, of 18 Concord st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Shea, of 55 Franklin st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Curley, of 11 Grove st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Hovey, of 10 Mansur st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Emile Ducharme, of 61 Woodcock st., a son.
 Feb. 1.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Canas of 3 Little st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jozef Rohnofski, of 165 Fayette st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Zoumire Vleevier, of 33 Ford st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cole, of 79 Verner st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John McNamara, of 22 Cambridge st., a daughter.
 2.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Regis, of 193 Fremont st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Parker, of 7 Glidden ave., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Aristedes Adamopoulos, of 368 Moody st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Durand, of 38 Tucker st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John S. Young, of 9 Newbury st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Georgakos, of 604 Merrimack st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cohan, of 137 Howard st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Mitropoulos, of 138 Farmland road, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Alexander, of 495 Moody st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Pearson, of 105 Powell st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Moreau, of 20 Gardner Avenue, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Demers, of 28 White st., a son.
 3.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew J. Nixon, of 930 Gorham st., a son.
 4.—To Mr. and Mrs. Fortuna St. Onge, of 93 Adams st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Christos Spanos, of 33 Merrimack st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Sakellarios, of 460 Merrimack st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Costa, of 15 Chapel st., a son.
 5.—To Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. McNally, of 9 Gilbidge ave., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eusebio Langlois, of 339 Pawtucket st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Christos G. Neofytos, of 441 Adams st., a daughter.
 6.—To Mr. and Mrs. Paraskevas Dimitropoulos, of 36 French st., a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Valley, of 5 Grand st., a son.
 7.—To Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien, of 21 Spring st., a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gorenson, of 119 B st., a daughter.
 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Desroches, of 99 Liley ave., a daughter.

SUFFRAGISTS PLACE THEMSELVES AT GOVERNMENT'S DISPOSAL



MRS. HERBERT CARPENTER

Photograph shows Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, New York suffrage leader, carrying flag in recent suffrage parade.

Whereas, A serious crisis confronts our nation and the European war has shown that the services of women in war as in peace are essential to the life of the nation, and

Whereas, The basis of the suffrage movement is love of country and a desire to serve most effectively, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, through its executive board, do hereby offer to the governor of this state for any work which he may designate its full organization, in every assembly district of this state, consisting of more than half a million women. And this we do as loyal American citizens and especially as women suffragists, organized and trained in co-operation and service.

Thus run resolutions adopted by the New York State Woman Suffrage Party and approved by suffragists in other states.

They Do Say

That potato patches will be popular next spring.

That the ten per cent dividend is welcome news.

That fondness for burlesque never advanced a man.

That it is no longer a solicitorless office at city hall.

That some people make themselves sick at a free meal.

That in the school of experience there are no vacations.

That house is not sold until the final papers are signed.

That Adjutant Gustave Bassett is a real hero of the European war.

That "They're wearing 'em higher" in Lowell on days like yesterday.

That our aldermen should conform to the provisions of the city charter.

That it wouldn't take many potatoes or beans to make a man independently rich.

That many a tough proposition will solve itself if one has the patience to wait.

That the triumvirate still rule and are steering the municipal ship of state.

That the people who are holding back the food supplies may get left in the end.

That the policeman will get you if you don't watch out and shovel the snow away.

That Julian Daoust and his troupe of artists made a hit at the Playhouse last evening.

That there are lots of people who can't see through this daylight saving scheme at all.

That "Mr. Moderator" was the watchword at the Billerica town meeting held today.

That the fellow who says nothing and says wood is at least sure of a good woodpile.

That the man who prophesied last fall that the winter would be mild has fallen to the winds.

That James likes the snowshoes but hesitates to launch out on his first practice spin or stop.

That when you think somebody else

is a little queer he may be thinking the same thing about you.

That the late J. Joseph O'Connor was regarded as the soul of humor by all those who knew him.

That the city was fortunate to escape three last night of the wind was cold and terrible in its force.

That most people would prefer to have no car on some of the lines than one that is always late and never to be relied upon.

That just as it is now, then it's Tarbox, and then it's Leavitt, but the courts may have to decide which it will be finally as agreed.

That because of the present-neededness the youthful and aspiring business arrest is thinking seriously of taking a series of memory tests.

MINISTERS' POOL SALARIES

LONDON February 10.—Following the precedent set by the Asquith government, the ministers in the Lloyd-George government are pooling their salaries.

The salary of the prime minister is not affected by the arrangement. Ministers will draw from the pool about £600 pounds each per year, as compared with over 4000 pounds as the individual share of cabinet ministers under Asquith. The smaller amount is due to the increased number of ministers owing to the creation of several new departments.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

The following notes are from the press agents of the shows mentioned.

H. E. KEITH'S THEATRE

The fall of the H. E. Keith's theatre company after a series of disastrous performances in Boston has been followed by the closing of the Keith's in New York.

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LAME AND UNSIGNED COMMUNICATION

WE DON'T BLAME THIS FELLOW
FOR NOT SIGNING HIS NAME TO
HIS "KICK"

A reader of The Sun has sent the following unsigned communication calling the sporting editor to account for statements recently made in regard to the times hung up in the 40-yard dash at the B.A.A. games: Editor of the Sporting Department, Lowell Sun:

Dear Sir:

I note in a recent paper a comment on the time made by the sprinters at the B.A.A. games in the 40-yard dash. In the same paragraph the scribe places Silcox of the high school as fifth of a second, or two to three feet at least, faster than these men. This is unquestionable. Now, from detracting from the ability of the high school boy, I wish to call your attention to the fact that there are few men on record who have been credited with running the 30-yard dash in the time you give Silcox. In the record books of Boston, he is the record holder in the forty. He has done 42-5 for the distance. But he has been beaten in 43-5, which is the standard "class" time for the distance. Now you will find no accredited performer in the 30-yard dash faster than 43-5 and only enough to count on the fingers of one hand at 43-5. Silcox and other high school performers in the sprints have been given such rec-

ords here, but Lowell has never developed a real sprint winner in the big meets before competent timers.

The local timers do not know how to time a race, and the referees and judges allow records to stand when the athlete has jumped the gun and is in his stride at the sound of the starting shot. Do not compare performances made under these conditions with real performances made by athletes far better than the best of our local school boys.

Before we begin to pack our

correspondent away in lavender, we wish to tell him that communications which come into this office unsigned are worth hardly more than a man's name and a signature. But nevertheless, his criticism of Lowell track athletes and Lowell officials rankles somewhat and demands an answer.

Our correspondent says that the men who competed in the 40-yard invitation race at the B.A.A. games were the pick of the country. To this statement we take violent exception. Did Joe Loquin, Billy Moore, Willcox, Franklin, O'Farrell, Andy Kelly, Howard Drew, and many, many others compete?

If we remember correctly, Mr. Silcox is fifth doing 43-5 for the third of a second. He also says that he had been caught in 33-2. We reiterate that this is so. We did not claim that we had ever seen or heard of any time better than 33-5 for the distance, as this time would almost be impossible to beat by the man beat the gun by several feet.

You insinuate in your communication that Lowell runners are given times which they never make and you make the flat statement that local timers and officials are known to time an event. Well, you had better run from this out with the officials themselves, but as Hugh McGrath of the B.A.A. is, and has been the starter at the majority of meets in this city for the past several years, if I were you I wouldn't question too strongly

the Boston man's ability to pull a gun.

He has been "sending 'em away" too long to get fooled very often.

Again we wish to state that Fred Silcox in our opinion could not walk away with the dash last Saturday night, and that with proper training and care he will eventually develop into one of the best dash men in the country.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing: Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.
J. S. Moir, optometrist, Wyman's Ex.
Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius E. Collins are at Palm beach.

When you have any real estate to sell, consult J. F. Donohoe, 223 Hill-drath bldg. Telephone.

Mr. Andrew A. McCarthy and Mr. John Dalton, two well known singers of this city, presented a concert program in Uxbridge, last night.

Among the guests at the Idic Hour roulette Wednesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Maloney of Woburn. They were entertained by Mrs. Dennis J. Cooney of Westford street.

Mrs. A. G. Pollard and her daughter, Mrs. William T. Shepard, have gone to Ormond, Fla., for the remainder of the winter. Mr. Pollard and Mr. Shepard will join them at an early date.

Crossed wires set fire to pole at the corner of Moody and Cabot streets at 10:40 o'clock this morning, occasioning an alarm from box 115. Otherwise the searching of the pole no damage was done.

An alarm from box 119 at 9:33 o'clock this morning summoned a portion of the fire department to a chimney fire in a house in Decatur avenue, owned by Daniel J. Hart. The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done.

Frank O'Day, a driver for the Lowell Coach Co., was stricken with heart trouble at the Northern station last evening at 5 o'clock and was later removed in the ambulance to St. John's hospital. This morning he was reported as resting comfortably.

The annual meeting of the Lowell Historical society will be held in the mayor's reception room in city hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, at 7:30 o'clock for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business which may legally come before it.

Mr. George F. Hobson, son of Mr. Charles H. Hobson of this city, has been given a commission as captain in the Engineer Officers' Reserve corps, U.S.A. He is at present employed in the supervising architect's office in the treasury department, Washington.

Miss Ellen M. O'Brien of the A. G. Pollard Co. spent the week in New York city. She attended the Nemo Hygienic and Fitting school and also selected new models in corsets and brassieres. Miss O'Brien was registered at the Biltmore hotel. She will return Monday.

Mrs. James Long of Naples, N. Y., Frances Chadwick is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin K. Chadwick of Neenah street, accompanied by her little daughter, Mrs. Oliver Moulton Chadwick, is at present in the aviation school at Paul, France.

Miss Adelaide E. Noyes of Princeton street entertained the Misses Closson of Independence, Iowa, her cousins this week. They are known as singing evangelists, and came here from Paul River, where they have conducted a campaign for three weeks. They have other engagements in the East before returning to their home.

George Karounis and George Delboy two residents of Lowell, who recently returned from service on the Mexican border with Co. H, First Infantry, N. H., N. G., were tendered a dinner in a local restaurant by a number of friends last evening. At the close of the meal the guests repaired to the establishment of Nicholas Spiropoulos, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. J. A. Hinnebush, who was asked to organize the finance committee of the local branch of the Red Cross, has announced the appointment of the following members: Messrs. Robert F. Marden, Frederick T. Marble, Joe V. Metcalf, Fred C. Church and Austin K. Chadwick. A meeting will be held at an early date, and a plan worked out to put in operation if the country becomes involved in war.

The Nurses' alumni of St. John's Hospital met at the home of Mrs. Dick Gaskins at 151 Andover street to make final preparations for their whist party and dance to be held in Lincoln hall on Friday evening, Feb. 16. The purpose of the dance is to raise money for an endowed room, and, judging from the sale of tickets, the nurses are confident that their fund will grow rapidly. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the alumni.

A delightful dance and social was conducted in Old Follens hall, Bridge street, last evening. The affair was conducted under the auspices of Centreville Rebekah Lodge, 157, and was largely attended. The decorations about the hall were handsome and elaborate. Gray's Banjo-Mandolin orchestra supplied music and this event was in charge of Mrs. Mabel Crosby, Mrs. M. J. Shaw and Charles Wells.

The big Thomas police patrol which was purchased by the city and destroyed on Jan. 1, 1911, but which was relegated to the rear when the little Ford was purchased, is in service again. The machine, which was considered too cumbersome and the upkeep too high, has been doing regular work since the storm started in last Monday, it being found that when it comes to battling with the snow that the big machine is more efficient than the little one.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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TODAY—TESS OF THE STORM COUNTRY

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WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE

The question is asked as to what the United States would do in case war be declared against Germany. It is not at all probable that our government would join the allies in fighting Germany or that any troops would be sent to the battlefields of Europe. What the United States is contending for is the maintenance of the freedom of the seas, which has been completely usurped and overthrown by the German submarine warfare. The United States after a declaration of war would have to increase the defenses along the Atlantic coast and would probably furnish warships and destroyers to convoy American trading vessels into the war zone. Whether this would prove a very serious matter depends to a great extent upon the outcome of the submarine campaign now in full swing.

Even without a declaration of war or without the "overt act" that would precipitate war, if the government finds that American commerce is being crippled as a result of Germany's blockade, it may decide to provide convoys for trading vessels through what Germany has designated her war zone. While that course might be regarded as a challenge to Germany, it would be merely an assertion of neutral rights arbitrarily annulled or invaded by the German submersible campaign.

So far as can be judged from the action of Germany in having her ships in American ports practically destroyed and her refusal to modify her mode of warfare in favor of neutrals, it seems that in defiance of the United States she is determined to carry out her submarine campaign to the extreme limit of desperation. In view of this fact, and of the action taken by the United States relative to future loss of American lives by unwarranted submarine attacks, it would seem that war with Germany in the near future becomes almost inevitable.

GERMANY'S LAST EFFORT

There seems to be a mistaken idea as to the great moral effect of the action taken by the United States against Germany as a factor in forcing the conclusion of the war.

We do not believe that Germany is in the least concerned in regard to the public opinion of the world. She has gone beyond that stage and with her at present, nothing counts except ships sent to the bottom, progress in cutting off England's supplies and success in holding back the forces of the allies fighting in the trenches.

Just at present owing to the cold weather the conflict on land is not being pushed to any great extent by the allies, but Germany is prosecuting her submarine warfare with relentless fury. She is striking the ships of belligerents and neutrals alike and the success of her campaign of frightfulness since February 1 has fulfilled her expectations although the daily toll is becoming less.

During the three days after the grace allowed to neutrals, the total tonnage sunk was 137,815, or at the rate of 94,880 per month of thirty days. There was, however, a decrease from 11,457 tons on Tuesday to 21,504 on Thursday and yesterday's report was still less.

The question which is uppermost in the minds of the entire world today is: Can England stop Germany's submarine blockade or render it ineffective?

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The British authorities, including Lord Bryce, who, however, is not an expert on submarines or the method of fighting them, assert that the British navy will be amply able to frustrate the submarine campaign.

There are various ways in which this can be done. In the first place the British will doubtless try to catch the submarines as they bob up and down or as they set out from their German base. Next, the admiralty has these ships to act as scouts and convey to trading vessels which can be buncheted in large squadrons. From a squadron so protected, a bold submarine might get a chance ship, but in so doing it would have slight chance of escape as the new submarine requires five minutes in which to get under water.

Thus it does not appear probable that the submarine warfare will destroy the British sea power or starve the British people as it has set out to do. In all probability it will soon be met and effectively blocked. Many ships will be lost, of course, and the neutrals may lose almost as many as the belligerents, if they continue to venture into the war zone. The spring or early summer will settle the success or failure of this last desperate effort of Germany to force the allies into an unacceptable peace. The undertaking is too stupendous to end in speedy triumph.

TWO EXPERT AUDITORS

It is passing strange that any member of the municipal council would vote to pass any order at variance with the plain terms and provisions of the city charter. Yet it seems that three members of the council at yesterday's meeting voted to engage Mr. Rex, an expert accountant, to audit the city's accounts, knowing that Commissioner Donnelly in pursuance of his official duties as prescribed by the charter, had already engaged a different expert to perform the work.

While the municipal council has more power than any of its members,

IRISH HOME RULE

Hon. John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, is once more going to put the home rule question squarely up to the British ministry. It is known that Premier George is in favor of the immediate operation of the home rule act, and it is believed by many friends of the cause that this is one of the many questions to be referred to the Imperial Conference called for next month.

It seems very strange that England permits this question to hang merely out of consideration for Mr. Carson and his followers, although in so doing, she puts a lever in the hands of her enemies to the far-reaching detriment of British interests not only at the war front, but throughout the world.

It is hoped that on this occasion Mr. Redmond's appeal will receive the consideration it deserves.

PUNISH THE SPECULATORS

Attorney General Attwells has recommended to the legislature the enactment of drastic legislation to enable the state to proceed against those who combine to regulate the prices of the necessities of life, or to hoard up food supplies in anticipation of higher prices. Mr. Attwells asked for a measure providing that whoever enters into a combination to fix or regulate the prices of necessities in prime or common use shall be punished by penalties suited to such an offense against the public.

It is time some such law were enacted and enforced against the food speculators who are undoubtedly holding back supplies and thereby conspiring to increase the prices to prohibitive rates.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Washington will not abandon the inaugural ceremonies on March 5th because of the crisis with Germany. Rather will the occasion be made a demonstration of patriotic loyalty to the nation in a spontaneous burst of patriotism. The fact that the ceremonies are absolutely in the open does not foaze President Wilson. To abandon the parade and other customary formalities would indicate that the government, if not the entire nation, was deeply depressed over the prospects of war.

AN ACT OF HOSTILITY

Germany's action in detaining the American ambassador pending the departure of Bernstorff from this country and pending also the treatment of some of the German ship crews, can be construed only as an act of open hostility to the United States. It will undoubtedly be followed by others perhaps more serious.

MEXICAN TREACHERY

Report has it that in case of war, Germany will strike the United States through Mexico. The Providence Journal is authority for the statement that German officers have been migrating to Mexico and that in case of war they will be the commanders of the Mexican forces.

We do not want Mexico, but if she turns to being aid from any European or Asiatic country against the United States, that will decide the fate of Mexico, and without undue delay that unhappy country will be annexed to the United States.

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The British admiralty has given out a statement reassuring the people and announcing that a plan has been adopted by which the submarine warfare will be effectively met and defeated. Thus far there is little indication that any such plan is in operation although it is very plain that many of the ships sunk were at sea when the German declaration was made and were simply trapped without warning.

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There are various ways in which this can be done. In the first place the British will doubtless try to catch the submarines as they bob up and down or as they set out from their German base. Next, the admiralty has these ships to act as scouts and convey to trading vessels which can be buncheted in large squadrons. From a squadron so protected, a bold submarine might get a chance ship, but in so doing it would have slight chance of escape as the new submarine requires five minutes in which to get under water.

Thus it does not appear probable that the submarine warfare will destroy the British sea power or starve the British people as it has set out to do. In all probability it will soon be met and effectively blocked. Many ships will be lost, of course, and the neutrals may lose almost as many as the belligerents, if they continue to venture into the war zone. The spring or early summer will settle the success or failure of this last desperate effort of Germany to force the allies into an unacceptable peace. The undertaking is too stupendous to end in speedy triumph.

THE "LEAK" FIASCO

The leak inquiry appeared to have petered out when the testimony of Mrs. Visconti was heard. This rather mysterious lady was supposed to know more of the "leak" than anybody else and she was the individual on whom Mr. Lawson relied to drive home the charge that officials connected with the White House or the state department gave out the alleged information. Mrs. Visconti now alleges that it was a child, a little daughter of a Washington newspaper correspondent, who gave her the information she possessed.

Mr. Lawson was present while Mrs. Visconti testified and the great sensation promised for him and others proved to be a fizzle. It is about time the curtain was drawn on this masquerade, but inasmuch as certain Hale Republicans insisted that the committee should go to the bottom of the charges, perhaps it is just as well to show that they have no bottom.

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Orders Are Orders

The new doorkeeper at the museum turnstile had learned a book of rules by heart before taking over the job.

"Here, sir, you must leave your umbrella at the door," he said to a visitor who had failed to hand over that article.

"But I haven't an umbrella," the visitor pleaded.

"Then go back and get one," said

the clock struck nine—the clock struck ten.

And still the corn kept popping.

While he how-hawed at her remarks, And she laughed at his joking.

And still they popped and still they ate—

John's mouth was like a hopper—

And stirred the fire and sprinkled salt,

And shook and shook the popper.

The clock struck nine—the clock struck ten.

And still the corn kept popping.

It struck eleven, and then struck twelve.

And still no signs of stopping.

And John he ate, and Sue she thought

The corn did pop and patter.

Tom John cried out. "The corn's afre!

Why, Susan, what's the matter?"

Said she, John Styles, it's one o'clock;

You'll die of indigestion;

I'm sick of all this popping corn—

Why don't you pop the question?"

—Old Poem.

the keeper. "No one is allowed to pass in here unless he leaves his umbrella at the door."

A Total Wreck

It was seen hobbling down a flight of steps, slashed and torn to shreds. Barely enough was left to hold the shreds together. It was a pitiable sight. So curiosity was aroused.

"What are you in such horrible condition?"

"I am a reputation," the wreck replied, "and I have just been released from a female bridge whist party."—Argonaut.

Saving Trouble

Mr. Parrott wanted the picture hung to the right of the mirror; Mrs. Parrott wanted it hung to the left. For once he proved the more insistent of the two, and Joseph, the janitor, was summoned to hang the picture according to his orders. Obediently Joseph drove in a nail on the wall, as directed; this done, he also drove one in the wall on the left.

"What is that second nail for?" Mr. Parrott demanded.

"It's to save me the trouble of fetching the ladder tomorrow when you come round to the missus' way of thinking," said Joseph.

Indequate Facilities

It was on a branch railway train. The Ancient engine, having wheezed laboriously over equally ancient rails, pulled into a resort stop at no place in particular. Time passed tediously. Some of the passengers looked anxiously out of the window, while others drew their hats down over their eyes and tried to forget it. When half an hour had elapsed the conductor came along.

"Here, conductor," said a querulous old gentleman, "what is the trouble?"

"We're taking on water," was the explanation.

"Oh, indeed?" snapped the old man, "why on earth don't you get another teapoon?"

Popping Corn

And there they sat, a-popping corn, John Styles and Susan Cutter—John Styles as fat as any ox, and Susan fat as butter.

And there they sat and shelled the corn.

And raked and stirred the fire, And talked of different kinds of corn, And hitched their chairs up higher.

Then Susan she the popper shook, John Styles she the popper, till both their faces grew as red As saucers made of copper.

And then they shelled and popped and ate—

All kinds of fun a-popping, While he haw-hawed at her remarks, And she laughed at his joking.

And still they popped and still they ate—

John's mouth was like a hopper— And stirred the fire and sprinkled salt, And shook and shook the popper.

The clock struck nine—the clock struck ten.

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THE SPELLBINDER

With due respect to the gentlemen who compose the so-called "triumvirate" at city hall, a perusal of the city charter would indicate that their action in voting to employ Mr. Rex to audit the city's books violates the law in three respects.

Of course the "triumvirate" has the alibi that there was no city solicitor in office to let the members right, in their conference before the meeting at which this occurred, for they met in Commissioner Morse's office before yesterday's meeting.

In all probability the new city solicitor upon assuming office will show them where they were wrong and thus obviate the necessity of injunction proceedings.

At yesterday's meeting a written motion signed by Messrs. Brown, Morse and Warneck was presented and carried, to the effect that Mr. Rex be engaged to audit the city's books at a cost of \$1300. According to a local Sunday newspaper this had been foretold by a local bartender some weeks ago, but be that as it may, the motion went through at yesterday's meeting.

Some time ago Commissioner Donnelly of the finance department, acting in accordance with the provisions of section 33 of the city charter engaged Mr. Everett E. Tarbox to conduct the audit of the city's books through the triumvirate wanted Mr. Rex to do the work.

Mr. Donnelly's authority for engaging Mr. Tarbox appears in two sections of the charter.

Section 33 reads in part as follows: "The municipal council shall determine the policies to be pursued and the work to be undertaken in each department, and EACH COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE FULL POWER to carry on the policies and have the work performed in his department, as directed by the municipal council.

That section alone would give Mr. Donnelly the necessary authority, but in the matter of annual audit the charter makes it mandatory upon the commissioner of finance to do the work, for it reads as follows:

"At the end of the municipal year he (the commissioner of finance) shall cause a complete examination of all books and accounts of the city to be made by competent accountants and shall publish the result of such examination in the manner above provided for the publication of the monthly statements."

The section doesn't make it discretionary with the finance commissioner but says he "shall" have the audit done under his direction.

No Emergency Clause

But the manner in which the triumvirate put its motion at Friday's meeting makes the whole transaction illegal from a third standpoint for the members simply presented a motion in writing calling for the expenditure of \$1300 and let it go at that, while here is what section 37 has to say on the matter:

"Neither the municipal council nor the school committee shall make or pass any order, resolution, or vote appropriating money in excess of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, or making or authorizing the making of any contract involving a liability on the part of the city in excess of five hundred dollars, unless the same is proposed by writing and notice is given by the city clerk in at least one daily newspaper, not less than one week before its passage, except an order, resolution or vote for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace or safety, which contains a statement of its urgency and is passed by a FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE; such notice shall be given as aforesaid upon the request of the municipal council or of the school committee."

It will be readily seen from the above that the motion is clearly illegal because there was no emergency clause attached which requires a statement of its urgency and passage by a four-fifths vote, and because not having the emergency clause attached the motion was not advertised one week in advance by the city clerk. As a matter of fact neither the mayor, commissioners, Dennis nor the city clerk knew anything concerning the motion until it was passed over the heads of the meeting.

The employment of Mr. Rex, therefore, would seem to be entirely illegal and he will have an interesting time collecting any money for services he may perform while injunction proceedings may prevent him performing any services.

The Constitutional Convention

Having interviewed "Abe" Goldman on his views on the coming constitutional convention to which he is a candidate, I asked him what the progressive party had to say concerning the constitutional candidate and received the following interesting statement from William J. Mccluskey, who is a candidate from the ward twelve district, and well versed in political law. Mr. Mccluskey declared himself as follows:

"The convention will be held next June. The primary election will be

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The sides and committees were as follows:

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If the promoter meets our terms and if the public shares his opinion that Fallon is the logical contender for the heavyweight title, then we will fight. He is, I have always been ready to defend the title, despite reports to the contrary.

Tom Jones, Willard's manager, reiterated his statement of last night in which he said that Willard would not meet Fallon or any other fighter in New York on March 26 and that although he had discussed terms for such a match with the New York promoters the financial inducements offered by the New Yorkers were not great enough.

Upper photo shows trap shooters at Travers island; lower one, R. L. Spotts.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—R. L. Spotts, the national amateur trap shooting champion, is now in rare form. At one of the regular N.Y.A.C. meets at Travers island he missed only four of the clay pigeons out of 100 and showed that he is getting into form that will make him a favorite for the championship once more. He had one perfect string of twenty-five. His handicap of four gave him an even 100, but R. R. Owen won the prize for the high handicap. C. Stein and A. L. Burns were the only two outside of Spotts who were able to drop twenty-five straight. Spotts is considered one of the greatest trap shooters in the country. He has

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—With war clouds hanging low, an effort is being made to break the log jam of bills pressing for congressional action and a still greater effort is being made by both major parties to secure the control of house organization for the next session. Should war be declared, or if the situation does not clarify before adjournment, the 4th of March, there is reason to believe an extra session is inevitable, although the present and democratic leaders are strongly against it and the matter of "what's what" in the house is still in doubt.

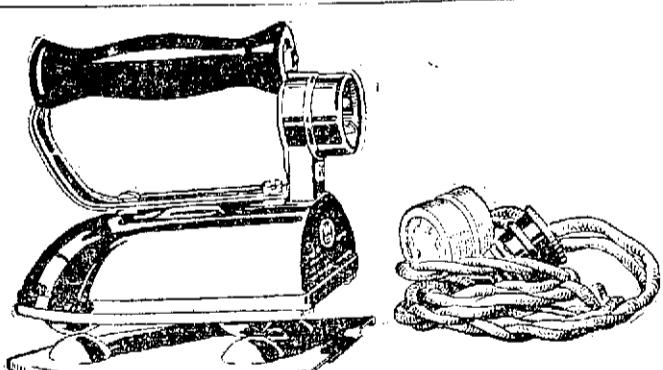
The speakership floor leader and chairmen of big committees go hand in hand with patronage to be bestowed and the question is no small one. While Speaker Clark has the ardent and unqualified support of all the democrats and the warm, personal friendship of a great majority of republicans, both Mr. Mann and Mr. Lenroot, who have been put forward as probable speaker and floor leader, should the republicans be able to organize, must face much party discipline at this moment. Speaker Clark seems to lead in the field and needs race, even though the actual party vote is a tie and the five independents who may control the decision have not made known their views. A majority of votes is needed, so death, resignation or change of heart of one congressman might alter the situation in the twinkling of an eye.

The Speakership Contests

Congressman Rogers of Massachusetts recently called attention to the bitter contests of the past and the slender thread on which some of the elections of speakers had hung. Looking back over the history of past contests, it is a curious coincidence that the most prolonged and most bitter were when Massachusetts men were among the candidates. They were in 1859 when Joseph B. Varnum was up for the position; in 1849, when Robert Winthrop was a candidate and in 1855, when Nathaniel P. Banks was put forward. These and other contests were all of extreme bitterness and covered weeks of wrangling, but the one that has become the most celebrated case in speakership history is that of Banks. It was a desperate contest between the north and the south, each standing by their candidate for two solid months, during which time no general business was transacted. One hundred and thirty-three ballots were cast before a choice was made. The attention of the country rested entirely on the outcome of the struggle, public measures were forgotten while the battle waged between Banks of Massachusetts and Aiken of South Carolina. Threats, accusations and bitterness of unspeakable intensity

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DETENTION OF GERARD IS EXPLAINED

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Dr. William von Stumm, the German under-secretary for foreign affairs, in an interview printed in the Amsterdam *Handelsblad*, says, Germany regrets that she was compelled to take the measures she adopted against Ambassador Gerard, but that the United States had prevented Count von Bernstorff, the retiring German ambassador, from telegraphing that he had received his passports.

The interview, according to Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent, was had in Norden, Prussia. Dr. von Stumm is declared to have declared that Germany received no reports from the United States about the treatment of Count von Bernstorff, subjects in the United States. The American government, according to the under-secretary, evidently had stopped Count von Bernstorff from telegraphing immediately after the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany by the United States, and the ambassador had been unable to announce even the receipt of his passports. Germany had only learned from the Swiss government that the ambassador had received his passports.

Such treatment, Dr. von Stumm is credited as having said, had compelled Germany to adopt the method she had taken against the American ambassador, although she deplored such measures, which would have been sufficient with some mutual courtesy. "The letter of your excellency said further that the German government, having confidence that the government of Brazil would force to take on account of the actual circumstances, hoped that Brazilian ships would be warned of the danger they ran if they navigated the interdicted zones, the same as passengers or merchandise on board one other ship of commerce or otherwise."

"I have just been directed to inform your excellency that the federal government has the greatest desire not to see modified the actual situation, as long as the war lasts, a situation in which Brazil has imposed upon itself the rigorous observance of the laws of neutrality since the commencement of hostilities between nations with whom she has had friendly relations. My government has always observed this neutrality while reserving to itself the right which belongs to it and which it

M. Foster of Malden to get down from the eighth door to the fourth.

New York Man Burned

Edward M. Horton of New York, whose room on the second floor that he started, was badly burned in trying to quench the flames before he gave the alarm. He was taken to a hospital. Horton said that he had been smoking in his room. He went to the bathroom and on his return found a brisk fire in his room. After a hasty attempt to put it out, he notified the telephone switchboard operator, William Coulter, of the fire and escaped.

Hard Fight for Firemen
Conton rang the hotel fire alarm and then ran from floor to floor, shouting to awaken the guests. All were quickly aroused, but the flames reached the elevator shaft, spread so rapidly from floor to floor that it was impossible for all to get to the street unassisted.

A Little Boy
Small wonder, then, that with such a record in the past the present house is looking earnestly towards avoiding any further complications when the next session convenes. But whether the demands of the speakership will be met, it is pretty sure to be a tooth royal. Not only is it going to have a bitter contest over the organization of the house, but 1917 will not be the dead time in the two party membership has practically occurred. In 1888 the house had 119 democrats to 118 whigs, with five contested seats. Add one hundred to each of the major parties and history has pretty closely repeated itself this year.

Ex-Gov. Walsh Assists Guests
The guests were given shelter in the Boston Athlete association building nearby and in other buildings. Most of them had food with little clothing and without trying to save their personal belongings.

Former Governor Died
Former Governor David J. Walsh occupied a room on the second floor. He assisted in awakening other guests before he left the hotel.

Former Mayor Green Rescued
Former Mayor Samuel A. Green of Boston, who is 75 years old and very feeble, was rescued from his room on the seventh floor by his nurse, Miss Mabel L. Warren of Worcester, who threw a rope over the window and wheeled him through the smoke-filled corridor where he was picked up by firemen and carried to the street.

Actresses Escaped
Several actresses, members of local theatricals in Boston, Valda Valky, Marcella Kelley, Charlotte Dyer, Mabel Vicker and Elizabeth Murray, escaped without injury, but lost their personal belongings. Miss Valky was on the tenth floor and remained in the street in her night clothes and heavy coat, with a hot dog in her arms.

Marjorie Prior of the Hotel Carlton
Marjorie Prior of the Hotel Carlton, damage to the building and furnishings would exceed twenty-four thousand, which was caused by water.

Patsy Donovan Lost Belongings
Mr. and Mrs. John Simonds of Peabody and their 15-month-old mother, Mrs. Simonds, who had rooms on the fourth floor, were carried down ladders.

Patsy Donovan Lost Belongings
Patsy Donovan, 14, of the Carlton, was unable to reach the street by way of the elevator but they lost most of their belongings.

One ironing at the hotel when the site of the fire included
Mrs. Mary

FIRE IN HOTEL LENOX
Continued

fifth floor to the roof of a two-story building at the rear of the hotel. Both his wrists were fractured, one leg was injured and he was badly bruised. He was taken to a hospital.

Taken Down Ladder

Edwin C. Tew of New York, II, Charles Mitchell of Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Mitchell, who were taken to a hospital. Mr. Tew and Mr. Mitchell were slightly burned about the hands and feet. Mrs. Mitchell suffered from shock. Dr. Mitchell and his wife were taken down a ladder by firemen from a room on the eighth floor. Frank P. Firk of Boston was treated by a physician for burns.

Ladder of Blankets

Joseph Collins of Revere, whose room on the tenth floor was cut off from the roadway by smoke and flames, improvised a ladder from blankets and a window to the seventh floor, where he was able to make his way to the street. Similar means were used by Leonard Vieth of New York and G.

TEXT OF THE BRAZILIAN NOTE TO GERMANY

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 16.—The note handed to the German secretary of foreign affairs by the Brazilian minister at Berlin, in reply to Germany's declaration of the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, was made public here today. The text is as follows:

"I have transmitted to my government by telegraph your letter of Feb. 3 in which your excellency informed me of the resolution of the German imperial government to blockade Great Britain, its islands, the Iberian Peninsula and Italy and the eastern Mediterranean by submarines which would commence operations on Feb. 1. Your Excellency stated that the submarines would prevent all maritime traffic in the zones above mentioned abandoning all restrictions observed up to the present in the employment of means for sea fighting and would use every military resource capable of the destruction of civilians."

"The letter of your excellency said further that the German government, having confidence in the government of Brazil, would prosecute the reasons for the methods of war which Germany was forced to take on account of the actual circumstances, such a blockade would neither be regular nor effective and would be contrary to the principles of law and the conventional rules established for military operations of this nature."

"For these reasons, the Brazilian government in spite of its sincere and keen desire to avoid any disagreement with your excellency that the federal government has the greatest desire not to see modified the actual situation, in which Brazil has imposed upon itself the rigorous observance of the laws of neutrality since the commencement of hostilities between nations with whom she has had friendly relations. My government has always observed this neutrality while reserving to itself the right which belongs to it and which it

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